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SUBJECT : HELICOPTER TRAINING FOR BAHRAIN DEFENSE  
FORCE OFFICER

REFERENCE : (A) MANAMA 338 (NOTAL)

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1. WE HAVE RECEIVED FORMAL GOB REQUEST FOR HELICOPTER TRAINING FOR BAHRAIN DEFENSE FORCE (BDF) OFFICER LT. HAMED BIN EBRAHIM AL-KHALIFA. BDF NOW WISHES OFFICER TO RECEIVE 12 WEEK ROTARY WING (RW) QUALIFICATIONS COURSE (PARA 2 REF B) FOLLOWED BY HELICOPTER GUNNERY TRAINING AND INSTRUCTOR TRAINING. BDF ALSO WISHES TO SEND ADDITIONAL OFFICER AT SAME TIME AND HAS PROMISED TO EXPEDITE FORMAL REQUEST INCLUDING QUALIFICATION RECORD. EMBASSY WILL ADVISE WHEN RECEIVED.

2. BDF CHIEF OF STAFF (COS) NO LONGER DESIRES SEARCH AND RESCUE (S&R) TRAINING AS THAT "A POLICE FUNCTION AND BETTER LEFT TO THEM." NOTE: WE HAVE POINTED OUT THAT S&R COURSE NOT LENGTHY AND WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO SOLVING ONE OF BHARAIN'S RECOGNIZED PROBLEMS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ADVISE ATTENDANCE  
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AT S&R, BUT WILL HAVE TO OVERCOME INTERNAL BUREAUCRACY.

3. COS NOTED THAT LT. AL-KHALIFA WOULD AT SAME TIME BE INVESTIGATING POSSIBILITY OF SENDING NON-RATED BDF OFFICERS TO ATTEND 36 WEEK RW AVIATION COURSE. HE FEELS BDF WILL NEED 10 (EVENTUALLY 20) HELICOPTER PILOTS. WE HAVE NOTED THAT THERE MAY BE PROBLEMS IN ESTABLISHING QUALIFICATIONS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT OF ARMY BE REQUESTED TO PREPARE FMS SALES CASE FOR LT. AL-KHALIFA TO ATTEND FIRST AVAILABLE 12 WEEK RW QUALIFICATION COURSE FOLLOWED BY GUNNERY AND INSTRUCTOR COURSES.  
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